

Camp focuses on basketball mechanics

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Public affairs

Basketball may not be the British national sport, but it was the game of the day Sunday at the Bury St. Edmunds Leisure Centre when members of the RAF Lakenheath and high school varsity basketball teams conducted a training camp for local kids.

The two-hour camp concentrated on the "mechanics of passing, dribbling, shooting and skill-development drills," said MSgt. Mitchell Dexter, varsity basketball coach.

Twenty local children, ranging in age from 8 - 14 years, participated in what one leisure-centre official said was a positive experience and a "great value."

"The kids really loved it," said the leisure centre's Simon Cockshall. "It's unusual to get so much in two hours."

The Lakenheath coaches and players put the kids through a series of drills designed to "introduce the kids to the basic fundamentals of the game that they can use at home to make them better players," Dexter said.

It was also an opportunity for the Lakenheath players to get involved in the community, the



Photo by MSgt. Scott Martin

Mark Davies (far right) and other local children practice blocking under the instruction of Charles Anderson, an RAF Lakenheath varsity basketball player.

basketball coach said.

"I had encouraged my players to always share their knowledge with people who are learning the game," Dexter said. "Basketball is a developing sport in the United Kingdom, and on my team there is

a vast amount of experience as well as knowledge," he added.

The camp went over so well, both Dexter and Cockshall said, that plans are in the works for a summer camp, and possibly a week-long camp.

The camp is designed for kids 8-16 years old, Cockshall said, and any children in that age group can attend. Cost is £2.50 per occasion, and Cockshall added there could be a camp for younger children, if there is a demand.

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ing for the Crusaders, according to Liberty coach James Nix. A lack of finish and exceptional goal keeping by the team ensured that did not happen.

The club has four matches remaining in the season, all of which will be played at RAF Feltwell. The next game is against RAF Mildenhall at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at RAF Feltwell.

Earth Day golf tournament

The Earth Day Challenge Cup golf tournament is today at the golf course. Sponsors seek nine foursome from RAFs Lakenheath and Mildenhall. Entry fees are \$15 per person. For more information, call Ext. 2583.

Youth center essay contest

The youth center sponsors a sports essay contest on "Why Air Force sports has been important to my family and me." The winner of

the local contest will be submitted to the Air Force level for a chance to win a free scholarship to the 1997 Baseball Academy Summer Camp at the Adidas Baseball Academy in Bradenton, Fla. Deadline for entries is Monday. Applicants must be at least 14 and less than 19 by June 30. For details, call Karl Pforr at Ext. 3735.

Varsity softball tryouts

The men's varsity softball team sponsors tryouts Saturday. For details, call Ext. 5552.

Softball

The fast-pitch softball team seeks players to compete in the London men's fast-pitch league and in tournaments on the European continent. For details, call Ext. 2169.

Advance green fee registration

The golf course now renews annual memberships. The advance green fee registration prices are: E-1 to E-4, - \$215 per year or \$18 a month; E-5 to O-3 - \$300 per year or \$25 per month; O-4 and above - \$350 per year or \$30 per month. For more information, call Ext. 2223.

Aero club/golf course promotion

The golf course and the aero club offer a joint special during April. Purchase a discovery flight for \$25 at the aero club and receive a free round of golf and a lesson. Or, purchase a round of golf for \$8 - \$12 and a golf lesson for \$15 and receive a free discovery flight from the aero club. For more information, call Ext. 3152.

Intramural Standings

Standings as of Tuesday

Intramural bowling

Team	W	L	AVG	Pins
EMS #2	158	74	1013	64136
HOSPITAL	144	88	1474	69593
MSS #1	138	94	1213	64175
SPS	135	97	1331	59458
MSS #2	122	110	1166	56892
CES	118	114	1263	60132
DENTAL	118	114	1089	56468
EMS/AGE	117	115	1225	58876
492 FS	107	125	1363	60448
DECA	98	134	888	51816
OSS	97	135	1265	58446
CRS/PROPS	95	137	1350	54697
494 FS	95	137	1187	54186
POL	80	152	996	59956